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Thirteenth Meeting of the  
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

June 12, 1952 2:00 P. M.

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Room 5104, New State Bldg.  
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Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. David K. E. Bruce, Under Secretary of State,  
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Mr. William C. Foster, Deputy Secretary of Defense  
General Walter B. Smith, Director of Central Intelligence  
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Agenda Item No. 1. - Analysis and Planning to Counteract Soviet Biological Warfare Propaganda and the "Hate America" Campaign; Staff Study on Soviet Germ Warfare Campaign (PSB D-25)

Action:

- (a) The Board deferred final action on this item.
- (b) The Board agreed to add in par. 22 a new mission, "Develop new measures designed to seize and maintain the initiative in the fields of propaganda and operations".
- (c) The Board agreed that the mission defined in par. 22a be made a part of the necessary intelligence support to be provided for POC, proposed in par. 23.

Agenda Item No. 2. - Plan for Conducting Psychological Operations During General Hostilities (PSB D-8/b, NSC 127)

Action:

- (a) The Board agreed to advise the NSC it does not accept the changes proposed by the Bureau of the Budget in par. 20 of NSC 127.
- (b) The Board approved the Bureau of the Budget's changes in par. 19 of NSC 127.
- (c) Mr. Foster reserved the Department of Defense's right of appeal should the use of POC in this plan prove unsatisfactory.

Agenda Item No. 3. - PSB Procedure for Evaluation of National Psychological Effort (PSB E-4)

Action:

- (a) The Board recorded its opinion that the evaluation of the over-all national psychological effort by the PSB staff or by any group which the staff might assemble at this time is beyond its capabilities, pending decisions which must be made with regard to projects now under way.
- (b) The Board authorized the PSB staff to select a project or an area for evaluation, recommend the method they propose to use, and present it to the Board for consideration and authorization.

Agenda Item No. 4. - Memorandum to the Board on Reporting to the NSC (PSB E-3)

Action:

- (a) The Board deferred action pending clarification from Mr. Lay, NSC Executive Secretary, concerning the intent

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of his request of May 29 that PSB submit a report on the status of the national psychological programs for the NSC 114 review.

Agenda Item No. 5. - Princeton Statement (PSB D-26)

Action:

- (a) The Board deferred consideration until the next meeting.
- (b) The Board agreed to have the Department of State revise the text in the interim.

Agenda Item No. 6. - Progress Reports on Current Work

- (a) The Board did not consider this item.

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